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APPENDIX A

1. An apparatus for holding a soccer ball, comprising:

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- a) a tie down stake having
    - i) a spiraled lower portion to be inserted into the ground; and
    - ii) a circular-shaped upper portion;
  - b) a ring on said circular-shaped upper portion, said ring able to travel along a substantial portion of said circular-shaped upper portion, said ring to hold a tether to said tie down stake;
  - c) a handle under said circular-shaped upper portion;
  - d) an elastic tether line; and
  - e) means for securing the soccer ball in a minimally interfering way with kicking, the tether being tied at its ends to, and extending between, the ring and said means for securing.

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5. Apparatus for holding a ball for movement about an anchor position and retry comprising:

- (a) means for securing the ball;
- (b) means for establishing a ground level anchor;
- (c) flexible tethering means enabling movement of the ball from a position at or spaced from the anchor to another position spaced from the anchor and automatic retrieval of the ball, all within a zone of variable boundary depending on external moving force applied to the ball and through it to the flexible tethering means;

the apparatus as a whole constructed and arranged to provide a clear field for ball movement over the anchor and in a surrounding zone and with multiple degrees of freedom of movement to enable simulation of usual play mode of usage of the ball.

6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the ball is secured in a net, the tethering means is an elastic line extending between the net and the means for establishing an anchor, and the said means for establishing an anchor comprises a spiral rod for ground entry with a tensing handle that can be at ground level on completion of entry and the freedom of movement is established by at least one rotating interconnection for rotating around the line axis and means for establishing one movable line of free movement normal to such axis.